

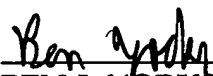
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The applicants hereby request that the Examiner enter this amendment for the above-entitled patent application. Examination of the above-entitled patent application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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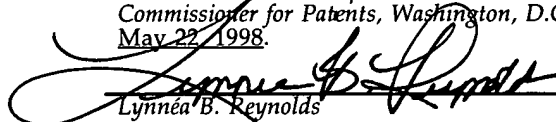
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